

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, June 20, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Goodness and Truth, as a nation and a people, we place our trust in You and in the human and spiritual values which You have made known to us in a variety of ways. We believe that by following Your guidelines for right living, we will achieve personal piece, happiness and meaning in our daily living. In this changing world and information age, help us to evaluate legislative issues and proposals carefully. Inspire us to select those legislative issues and options which are sound and ethical and not popular and trendy.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Statement of Representative Walrath of Stow.

A statement of Mrs. Walrath of Stow was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the remainder of the sitting of Wednesday last, June 15, due to being on official legislative business at the National Conference of State Legislatures Health Chairs meeting. Had I been present for the taking of yea and nay number 74, I would have voted in the negative. Had I been present for the taking of yea and nay numbers 75, 76 and 77, I would have voted, in each instance, in the affirmative. Any roll calls that I missed that day is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Walrath of
Stow.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Miss Garry of Dracut, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4171) of Colleen M. Garry and Susan C. Tucker (by vote of the town) that the licensing authority of the town of Dracut be authorized to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises to Evan Themeles d/b/a Broadway Convenience Store; and

Dracut,
liquor
license.

By the same member, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4172) of Colleen M. Garry and Susan C. Tucker (by vote of the town) that the licensing authority of the town of Dracut be authorized to issue an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to Scotts Food Mart Inc.;

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Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Clarifying the powers and duties of the Charlton water and sewer commission (Senate, No. 1163) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Providing timely access to emergency contraception (Senate, No. 2073) (on Senate, No. 1319 and House, No. 1643);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1245) of John A. Hart, Jr., and Martin J. Walsh for legislation relative to the retirement benefits of emergency medical technicians; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1246) of John A. Hart, Jr., and Martin J. Walsh for legislation relative to the retirement benefits of emergency medical technicians;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Service.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2090) of Robert A. O'Leary, Matthew C. Patrick, Demetrius J. Atsalis and Jeffrey Davis Perry (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend real property interests under the Cape Cod Open Space Acquisition Program in the town of Barnstable; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2091) of Robert A. O'Leary, Matthew C. Patrick, Demetrius J. Atsalis and Jeffrey Davis Perry (by vote of the town) for legislation to further amend the provisions of the Community Preservation Act in Barnstable County;

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Milton to appropriate money for retroactive wage adjustments (see House, No. 4114) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the

Chair) the House recessed until half past twelve o'clock noon; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2005 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and to promote expedited permitting in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4170) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, June 16.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Murphy of Burlington) recognizing the Skelton family's contribution to the town of Burlington; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Stanley of West Newbury) congratulating Richard Bazirgan;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradford Hill relative to the negligent operation of grocery carts. To the committee on Community Development and Small Business.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Demetrius J. Atsalis and Robert A. O'Leary for legislation to extend the period of time for retention of unsubstantiated elder abuse assessment reports by the Department of Elder Affairs and other agencies of the Commonwealth. To the committee on Elder Affairs.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Patricia A. Walrath that the Division of Medical Assistance be directed to apply for increased federal reimbursement for family planning services. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Lida E. Harkins and others relative to establishing the military tax audit fund. To the committee on Revenue.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Charlton
Water
and Sewer
Commission.
Emergency
contraception.

EMTs,
retirement.

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Barnstable,
property
interests.

Barnstable
County,
Community
Preservation
Act.

Bill
enacted.

Recess.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Skelton
family.

Richard
Bazirgan.

Grocery
carts.

Elder
abuse,
reports.

Family
planning,
federal
reimbursement.

Military
tax audit
fund.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing certain expenditures by the town of Seekonk (see House bill printed in House, No. 4164) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.